



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**HEADQUARTERS, 1<sup>ST</sup> ARMORED DIVISION**  
**UNIT 24309**  
**APO AE 09252**

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MEMORANDUM FOR Soldiers, Civilians, and Family Members of the 1st Armored Division

SUBJECT: Prohibition of Participation in Public Demonstrations or Counter-Demonstrations

1. In recent weeks, we have witnessed demonstrations at or near our installations by individuals opposed to our government's policies and to the U.S. Army's role as an instrument of those policies. I take this opportunity to remind all members of the 1st Armored Division community that participation in such demonstrations or in any related "counter-demonstrations" is prohibited.
2. USAREUR Regulation 600-1 prohibits military service members, civilian employees, and family members from participating in "political meetings, rallies, picket lines, or other public demonstrations." This prohibition on political and public demonstrations is broad and applies regardless of the political cause. It is equally applicable to military and civilian personnel whether in or out of uniform, on or off our military installations. Violations of this regulation can result in punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or adverse action under the civilian misconduct regulation. Soldiers and civilian employees who sponsor dependents in this country are responsible for their conduct and are subject to discipline or adverse action for failing to ensure this prohibition is understood and followed by their family members.
3. In light of the restrictions mentioned above and for your own safety, avoid areas that have been identified as sites of scheduled political demonstrations. In the event of an unexpected demonstration, leave the area. Do not engage in public debate, political discussion, or argument with protestors.
4. Remember that we are guests of the German people and that our behavior reflects upon the United States. Treat everyone you encounter with dignity and respect. Continue to be good ambassadors of the 1st Armored Division and of the United States of America.

  
RICARDO S. SANCHEZ  
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Commanding